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SUBJECT: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL: SECRETARY'S LETTER
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[1](#)1. (SBU) Ambassador hand-delivered Secretary Rice's letter (ref. A, requesting Kenya to pledge to support only candidates with a genuine commitment to human rights for the U.N. Human Rights Council) to Foreign Minister Raphael Tuju on April 11. The Minister did not offer a substantive reply. Post also delivered the letter by diplomatic note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

[1](#)2. (SBU) Poloff followed up with Tom Amolo, Head of MFA's International Organizations and Conferences Division, who also did not offer a substantive response. Amolo did, however, reiterate the Government of Kenya's request for U.S. support for Kenya's candidacy to the council (ref. B), asking for the U.S. to, even informally, express our support.
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